

# VIRGINIA HUD LINES

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## FUTURE FUNDING

Promoting “stable, rejuvenated neighborhoods that serve as the foundation for Virginia’s future,” Governor Tim Kaine joined DHCD’s Bill Shelton to award \$7 million in HUD Community Development Block Grant funds to Alberta, Boydton, Clinchco, Culpeper, Lebanon, Saltville, Smithfield, Stephens City, and Bland, Buchanan, Greensville, Halifax, Lee, Pittsylvania, Scott and Wise counties. Eleven of the projects will build new or rehab existing housing while rest fund downtown revitalization, extended water lines and expanded health clinic.

## FINAL FIVE

It’s “final five” time for HUD’s 2006 SuperNOFA. HOPE VI Revitalization and HOPE VI Main Street applications are due July 10<sup>th</sup>. ROSS grants for the elderly are due July 13<sup>th</sup>. Public Housing Neighborhood Networks applications are due July 21<sup>st</sup>. Last but not least, ROSS homeownership grant applications are due August 8<sup>th</sup>. For more, visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

## FH-ANSWERS

Got a particular question on how FHA mortgage insurance can help you meet your particular homebuying needs? Get expert answers by visiting new FHA Resource Center’s on-line chat room at [answers.hud.gov](http://answers.hud.gov) from 8 in the morning to 8 at night, E.T.

## BRIEF BRIEFS

Proposed 2007 Fair Market Rents on-line at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-5411.pdf>. . . Virginia Housing Commission seeks volunteers to advise 2006 work groups on Common Interest Housing, Housing Affordability, Mortgage Issues and Building Accessibility. . . Piedmont Housing Alliance celebrates helping more than 200 families become homeowners. . . ElderHomes, Tri-Cities Habitat, Neighborhood Resource Center and Association to Conserve Old Richmond Neighborhoods Now win grants from Richmond Community Foundation while South Hampton Roads Habitat and Portsmouth Christian Outreach Ministry win Portsmouth Community Foundation grants. . Governor Kaine signs bill giving Department of Social Services lead in working with faith-based groups in natural disasters. . . Recording stars Train headlines benefit for Charlottesville Area Association of REALTORS Workforce Housing Fund. . . USDA Rural Development names Prestine Crosby of Accomac its 2006 homeowners of the year. . . New River Valley Habitat to celebrate 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a Harp Extravaganza while Richmond Metro Habitat will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> with Al Roker of The Today Show. . . Richmond Redevelopment & Housing makes Anthony Scott interim Executive Director. . Virginia Poverty Law Center’s Jill Hanken honored by Virginia Bar Association. . Architect Colin Arnold of Community Design Studio and Patrick Farley of Watershed Architects, Norfolk Environmental Commission, Appalachian Sustainable Development, CarMax, Hermitage Elementary in Virginia Beach, Thomas Jefferson PDC and ecoMOD win VSBN Green Innovations Awards. . Virginia Housing Development Authority says 2005 Top Ten lenders – accounting for originating 60 percent of \$1.2 billion in loans – were National City Mortgage, Sun Trust, TowneBank, Prosperity, C&F, Resource, Wachovia Home Loan, BB&T and Southern Trust mortgage companies. .

## ENERGY SMART

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s new Home Energy Advantage program will qualify applicants for Section 502 homeownership loan program for increased flexibility in their loan eligibility determinations if they are purchasing an energy efficient house. Under the program, qualifying ratios may be exceeded by up to two percentage points if a the home – new or existing - meets the 2000 International Energy Conservation Code or a comparable energy efficiency standard. The program, said Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns, will encourage “efforts to expand access to new, affordable housing opportunities in rural America, while emphasizing energy conservation.” HUD’s Energy Efficient Mortgage product offers similar incentives to homebuyers purchasing energy efficient homes.

## BRIEF BRIEFS TOO

HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson awards \$34.5 million in 2006 capital improvement grants to Virginia redevelopment & housing authorities. . June 7<sup>th</sup> *Federal Register* publishes final rule broadening exemptions to “anti-flipping” prohibition to include state and local governments, FHA-approved non-profits and properties in Presidential disaster areas. . NHT Enterprise Preservation Corporation completes substantial \$7 million renovation of 147-unit, HUD-assisted Hazel Hill complex in Fredericksburg while Community Housing Partners completes \$2.8 million renovation of 50-unit Church Manor in Smithfield. . Mayor Wilder taps Mike Etienne to direct Richmond’s housing and community development activities. . APVA opens first regional office in Staunton. . Old Dominion University study on combining code enforcement with community policing accepted for presentation at 2007 American Society for Public Administration meeting. . Saying it’s sparked a “major turnaround,” city says \$3.2 million has been spent on façade renovation in Danville since 2004. . Charlottesville City Council considers proposal to provide up to \$250 annually in property tax relief to homeowners earning less than \$50,000 a year. . Rapidan Area Development Commission may change name to George Washington Regional Commission. . General Assembly appoints Senator John C. Watkins, Delegate John A. Cosgrove, Delegate Robert D. Hull and Delegate Daniel W. Marshall III to Virginia Housing Commission. . Lynchburg wins National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Great American Main Street award. . Roanoke City Council names park for John Baker who retired as executive director of housing authority in June. . Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions meets July 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> in Virginia Beach. . Richmond Redevelopment & Housing awards \$26,000 in Tomorrow’s Promise scholarships to graduating seniors. . CRT/tanaka wins national award for Housing Virginia campaign to promote awareness of affordable housing issues. . Chesapeake City Council votes to seek community input on how to honor memory of former City Manager Clarence Cuffee who died in June. . Richmond Redevelopment & Housing celebrate grand opening of mixed-use “Lofts at Cary Place”. . Eastern Shore and Amherst County Habitat chapters each completing 25<sup>th</sup> house while South Hampton Roads chapter “blitz builds” 10 houses in just five days.

## FUNDING-MENTALS.

Learn about “Grantwriting & More” at free, two-day HUD workshop for faith- and community groups September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Richmond. Register with Anne Davis at 800/842-2610, extension 3741, or go to [http://www.hud.gov/event\\_registration/index\\_2.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/event_registration/index_2.cfm)

## DON’T FORGET

To register NOW to “discover the possibilities” at the 2006 Statewide Neighborhood Conference in Danville September 21<sup>st</sup> through 23rd. 540/342-2763 or visit <http://www.vsnconf.org/index.htm>

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